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SUMMARY: BOTH FONOFF AND MITI REACTED FAVORABLY TO JURICH'S EXPLANATION OF USG PROPOSAL FOR RESPONSE TO AUSTRALIAN TRADE MEASURES CONSISTING OF GATT COUNCIL DECISION TO ESTABLISH WORKING PARTY AND REQUEST TEXTILE COMMITTEE COMMENTS. ALTHOUGH GOJ HAS APPARENTLY NOT YET FORMULATED POSITION, MITI SEEMS CLEARLY IN AGREEMENT WITH USG AND FONOFF NOT FAR BEHIND. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK WITH FONOFF AND MITI OFFICIALS JURICH RAISED QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE RESPONSE  
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TO RECENT AUSTRALIAN TRADE ACTIONS IN TEXTILE AND NON-

TEXTILE AREAS. HE ADVISED THAT USG PLANNED TWO-TRACK APPROACH IN GATT CONSISTING OF SEEKING COUNCIL DECISION (A) ESTABLISHING WORKING PARTY AND (B) REQUESTING COMMENT BY TEXTILE COMMITTEE AND TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BOARD (TSB). PURPOSE OF LUPTER TRACK WOULD BE TO LINK TWO ISSUES AND PROVIDE FOR FASTER RESPONSE THAN NORMALLY RESULTS FROM WORKING PARTY PROCEDURES. IN LATTER CONNECTION EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TEXTILE COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE ACTION AT IS APRIL 22-23 MEETING.

2. JURICH SAID USG FIRMLY BELIEVES FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS BY GOA OF ITS TRADE OBLIGATIONS SHOULD NOT GO UNCHALLENGED. ASSERTING THAT USG IS PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD, HE NOTED THAT JAPAN'S DIRECT STAKE IS LARGER THAN THAT OF U.S. IN TERMS OF SHARE OF TRADE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT JAPAN WOULD JOIN IN APPROACH AS OUTLINED K ABOVE.

3. MIYAZAKI (DG, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) AGREED THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE AND SAID HIS INITIAL REACTION TO JURICH'S PROPOSAL WAS FAVORABLE. HE SAID THAT GOJ CALCULATED THAT ABOUT 24 PERCENT OF JAPAN'S EXPORTS TO AUSTRILIA WERE AFFECTED BY GOA'S MEASURES. NOTING THAT AUSTRALIA'S ACTIONS SHOULD BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT OF OECD TRADE PLEDGE, MIYAZAKI STATED GOJ WOULD WANT TO MAKE A CONSISTENT APPROACH IN VARIOUS FORA, E.G. JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN MINISTERIAL MEETING IN CANBERRA MAY 2-3 AND ON -GOING NEGOTIATIONS ON NIPPON-AUSTRALIA RELATIONS AGREEMENT.

4. MITI OFFICIALS ON TRADE POLICY SIDE (KINOSHITA, DIRECTOR, AMERICAS-OCEANIA DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY BRUEAU) AND TEXTILE SIDE (GOTO, COUNSELOR, CONSUMER GOODS INDUSTRIES BUREAU) TOOK FAVORABLE VIEW OF JURICH'S PRESENTATION, WITH GOTO EXPRESSING AGREEMENT WITH PROPOSED SCENARIO.

5. COMMENT: WHILE MITI SEEMS TO BE CLEARLY ON BOARD WITH USG ON PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION, THERE HAS BEEN SOME HESITATION WITHIN FONOFF APPARENTLY BASED ON CONCERN LEST GOJ PROCEED ALONE UNDER ARTICLE IX OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MULTIFIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, FONOFF SOURCES INDICATED THAT SIGNAL THAT USG INTENDS TO PROCEED AS WELL WOULD LIKELY REMOVE PROBLEMS WITH FONOFF.

6. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION WITH KOREAN REPS MARCH 28, PARK PIL SOO (ASSISTANT MINISTER OF COMMERCE) INDICATED TO JURICH HIS STRONG SUPPORT AND STATED HE WOULD INSTRUCT ROK REPS IN GENEVA BY CABLE TO COORDINATE

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